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WELFARE OF WOMEN AND CHILD WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive programme for the welfare of the women and children engaged in various unorganised and daily-wage workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the number of women and child labourers indicating the jobs they are engaged in the country, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and disbursed as on date for their benefit, State-wise;

(d) the details of the various schemes initiated so far and the amount spent on such schemes to benefit the women and child labourers during the last three years, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to give additional support to State in such schemes and programmes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (f): There is no single comprehensive programme for welfare of women and children engaged in unorganized and daily wage work. However, certain welfare schemes have been undertaken for their benefit.
Authentic information on child labour and female workers is generated through decennial census. The State-wise number of working children in the country is at Annexure I and that of female workers is at Annexure II. The Census does not give industry wise information.
Government of India has been implementing the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) for rehabilitation of about 2.00 lakh children withdrawn from work. Under the Scheme of Grants-in-aid funds are released to Voluntary organizations for taking up action oriented projects for the benefit of child and women labour, to impart education, skill training etc. to the target group on the recommendations of the concerned State Government.
The details of expenditure in respect of child labour during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Amount (in lakh)
1997-98	Rs.1317.76
1998-99	Rs.2731.21
1999-2000	Rs.3796.78

Details of expenditure in respect of the Grant-in-aid Scheme for women labour scheme during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Amount
1997-98	Rs. 8,58.135/-
1998-99	Rs.11,47,529/-
1999-2000	Rs.15,08,164/-

State wise allocation of funds is not made under the Schemes.